

Financial support for R and D activities under schemes of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, collaborative research taken up by various laboratories of the CSIR and setting up of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research to produce R and D oriented scientist are some of the steps which have been taken to encourage R and D.

Underworld Dons

3681. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that underworld dons from Bombay are engaging unemployed youth from Uttar Pradesh/Bihar to be used as hit men in their nefarious activities;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to help the unemployed youth from falling prey to these underworld dons; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to punish the criminals on the line of the gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Sugar Production Order of 1977

3682. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present Sugar Production Order of 1977 limits the production of sugar and has become obsolete in view of advancement of machines and other infrastructure in the sugar industry which has increased sugar production manifold;

(b) whether any study has been made with a view to suggest amendments in the present statute;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make amendments therein?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC

DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The production of sugar in any sugar factory is dependent on its licensed capacity.

(b) to (d). The issue of delicensing of Sugar Industry is under consideration of the Government.

[English]

National Minorities Financial Development Corporation

3683. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2413 on August 1, 1996 and state :

(a) the details of the contribution so far by the State Government to participate in the equity of the National Minorities Financial Development Corporation (NMFDC);

(b) the expenditure incurred by the NMFDC since its inception, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited and the amount provided to them during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the criteria being followed to select the people for providing the financial assistance;

(e) the number of applications received for assistance during the current year, State-wise; and

(f) the amount provided to them under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The details are as under :

S.No.	Name of the State	Amount of contribution (Rs. in crores)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	7.00
2.	Bihar	5.00
3.	Andhra Pradesh	1.00
4.	Karnataka	1.00
5.	Kerala	1.00

(b) to (f). A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	Expenditure incurred by NMFDC since its inception	Year-wise details of Amount disbursed					
			1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
			Amt.	Bene- ficiaries	Amt.	Bene- ficiaries	Amt.	Bene- ficiaries
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	98.00	The Corporation was established on 30.9.1994.		Nil	Nil	98.00	1650